

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to insert a statement that the present application is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP2003/010573, filed September 23, 2003.

The specification has also been amended to replace the Sequence Listing as previously filed with the substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto as Exhibit A. The Sequence Listing has been amended to correct the exon boundaries of SEQ ID NO:1 as follows:

Exon boundaries as filed	Exon boundaries as amended
(3567)..(3881)	(356 <u>5</u>)..(3881)
(3454)..(3474)	(3454)..(347 <u>5</u>)
(2476)..(3087)	(247 <u>5</u>)..(3087)
(2183)..(2395)	(2183)..(239 <u>7</u>)
(1755)..(1766)	(175 <u>3</u>)..(1766)

Accordingly, the cDNA of SEQ ID NO:1, as amended, corresponds to original SEQ ID NO:2 and the polypeptide encoded by SEQ ID NO:1, as amended, corresponds to original SEQ ID NO:3. Support for this amendment is found in SEQ ID NOs:2 and 3 of the Sequence Listing as originally filed and in the specification at, for example, Example 6 on pg. 32, Ins. 13-25.

Also attached hereto as Exhibit B is a computer readable form ("CRF") of the Sequence Listing. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.821(f), undersigned counsel hereby represents that, upon information and belief, the content of the paper copy and CRF of the Sequence Listing enclosed herewith are the same, and no new matter has been added. Entry of the Sequence Listing is respectfully solicited.

Claims 3-8, 10, 14, 16-18, 20, and 25 have been amended as set forth above to eliminate multiple dependencies. Support for this amendment is found in original claims 3-8, 10, 14, 16-18, 20, and 25. See, *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (l).

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, are requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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